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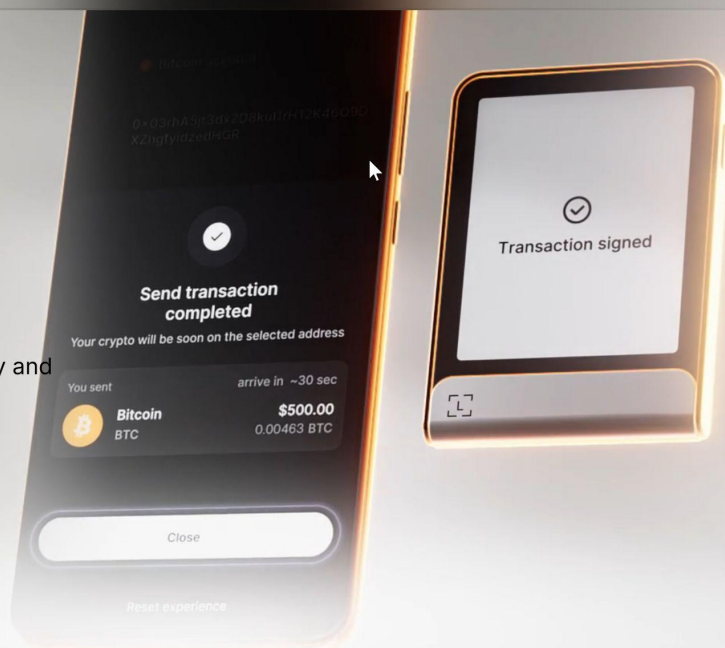
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Ledger Live Download Wallet Extension – Official Setup Guide

Managing crypto securely in 2026 demands more than just software—it requires hardware-backed protection. This guide walks you through the official process to download Ledger Live and the wallet extension, connect your device, and start using Web3 dApps with full control over your digital assets.

Quick answer: how to safely download Ledger Live & the wallet extension

Official site only. Phishing campaigns targeting Ledger users spiked 300% between 2023-2025, making source verification critical. Always navigate directly to ledger.com or ledger.com/start—never click links from emails, ads, or social media.

Here's your quick checklist:

1. Go to **ledger.com** and click “Download Ledger Live”
2. Select the appropriate version for your operating system (Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, or Android)
3. Install and launch Ledger Live on your desktop or mobile device
4. Open Chrome or Brave browser
5. Visit ledger.com and follow the official link to the Chrome Web Store
6. Install the “Ledger Wallet / Ledger Live” browser extension
7. Connect your Ledger Nano S Plus, Ledger Nano X, or Ledger Stax via USB cable or Bluetooth

Never share your recovery phrase. No legitimate Ledger app, extension, or support representative will ever ask for your 24-word seed. If anything requests these words digitally, it's a scam—close it immediately.

What is Ledger Live & the Ledger wallet extension?

Ledger Live (now marketed as “Ledger Wallet™” since 2023-2024) is the official companion software for Ledger hardware wallets. The browser extension serves as your Web3 connector, bridging your hardware device to decentralized applications.

Ledger Live (desktop & mobile apps):

- Portfolio overview across all your accounts
- Buy, sell, swap, and stake over 15,000 assets
- Available on Windows 10+, macOS 12+, major Linux distributions
- Mobile apps for iOS and Android with Bluetooth support for Nano X

Ledger Wallet Extension:

- Secure connection from your ledger device to Web3 dApps
- Hardware-signed transactions for DeFi protocols and NFT platforms
- Runs on Chromium-based browsers (Chrome, Brave)

- Requires Ledger Live running in the background for seamless integration

The critical security principle: your private keys never leave the physical device. Both the ledger wallet app and extension only request transaction approvals—they never access raw keys or your seed phrase.



Why use the Ledger Live wallet extension instead of only the app?

Ledger Live handles portfolio management, fiat currencies conversion, and native staking beautifully. But for deep DeFi engagement, NFT trading, and Web3 dApp interactions in 2024-2026, the browser extension becomes essential.

Key advantages:

- **Hardware signing vs. software wallets:** Unlike hot wallets where keys sit in browser storage, the extension routes every transaction through your ledger hardware wallet for physical confirmation
- **Multi-chain access:** Use one hardware device across Ethereum, Polygon, Solana, Binance Smart Chain, and more
- **Unified experience:** Sync between desktop, mobile, and browser without reconfiguring accounts

Security contrast: Chainalysis reported over \$1.7 billion in hot wallet hacks in 2024 alone. The extension keeps your private keys offline on the Secure Element chip while still enabling full Web3 functionality.

Common use cases:

- Connecting to DeFi protocols like Uniswap or Aave
- Trading NFTs on OpenSea, Blur, or Magic Eden
- Interacting with DAOs and Web3 games
- Providing liquidity on decentralized exchanges

Why do millions choose this crypto wallet app?

Clearly verify transactions and confidently manage all types of crypto with a single, secure solution.*



Top up & transfer

Choose how you want to fund your accounts: Buy, Sell, Send, Receive: crypto, \$ or €.

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Connect to dApps

Navigate the DeFi landscape seamlessly from a single, secure space.



Diversify your assets

Swap securely across chains, CEX, DEX. Compare providers with clarity.

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Grow your portfolio

Put your crypto to work for you while maintaining ownership. Earn staking rewards with ease.

Discover →

How to download & install Ledger Live (desktop & mobile)

Downloads must always originate from ledger.com or ledger.com/start. Fake installers distributing malware—including clipboard hijackers that swap wallet addresses—have proliferated since 2023.

Windows/macOS:

- Navigate to ledger.com and click “Download Ledger Live”
- Select the installer for Windows 10+ (.exe) or macOS 12+ (.dmg)
- Run the installer with default settings
- Allow permissions when prompted by Windows Defender or macOS Gatekeeper

Linux:

- Download the official AppImage from Ledger’s site
- Make it executable: `chmod +x Ledger-Wallet-*.AppImage`
- Use AppImageLauncher or libfuse3 as required by your distribution
- Follow your distro’s documented steps for AppImage integration

iOS/Android:

- Search “Ledger Live – crypto & NFT” on App Store or Google Play
- Verify the publisher shows “Ledger” with 4.5+ stars and millions of downloads
- Download and install only the verified app

For advanced users: you can verify SHA-256 checksums or GPG signatures published on ledger.com/download, though this is optional for most people.

After the installation process completes, the first-run wizard guides you through connecting or initializing a Ledger Nano, Nano X, or Stax. No legitimate version ever asks for your 24-word recovery phrase on-screen.

How to download & install the Ledger wallet browser extension

The extension works exclusively on desktop with Chrome and Brave browsers. It’s designed to function alongside Ledger Live and your hardware device—not as a standalone wallet.

Installation steps:

1. Open Chrome or Brave on your computer
2. Visit ledger.com and locate the official extension link
3. Confirm the URL shows chrome.google.com/webstore
4. Verify the extension name and publisher (Ledger) with high download counts (10M+ users)
5. Click “Add to Chrome” and pin the extension icon for easy access

Avoiding rogue extensions:

- Never install from random ads, unofficial blogs, or direct messages
- Check for consistent Ledger branding and verified publisher status
- Look for reviews mentioning functionality, not just generic praise

Once installed, the extension prompts you to connect your ledger device. Browsers may request USB or HID permissions—grant these only for the official, verified extension.

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Step-by-step: connect your Ledger device to Ledger Live & the extension

This walkthrough covers initial pairing for Nano S Plus, Nano X, and Stax using current 2024-2026 firmware flows.

Basic connection order:

1. **Update firmware:** Launch Ledger Live and check “My Ledger” for pending updates
2. **Set PIN:** Create a 4-8 digit PIN on the physical devices (three wrong attempts trigger device wipe)
3. **Record recovery phrase:** Write down the 24-word seed offline on durable material—never digitally
4. **Connect to Ledger Live:** Plug in via USB cable (or Bluetooth for Nano X on mobile)
5. **Add blockchain apps:** Install Bitcoin, Ethereum, Solana, or other apps through “My Ledger”
6. **Connect extension:** The extension auto-detects accounts already added in Ledger Live

Transaction signing flow:

- Initiate action in a dApp
- Browser extension displays confirmation prompt
- Review transaction details on your Ledger device screen
- Physically press buttons to approve before broadcast

Use USB for desktop connections with the extension. Bluetooth pairing works for Ledger Nano X on mobile apps but isn't supported by browser extensions.

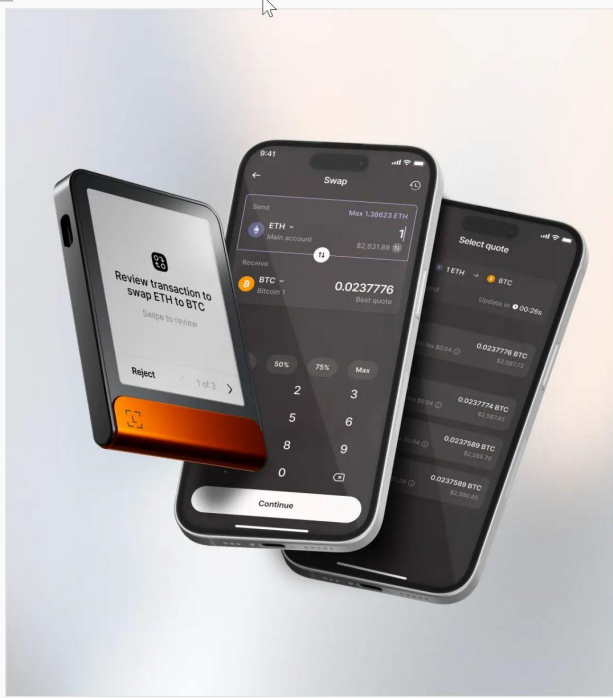


Supported coins, tokens, and NFTs in Ledger Live & the extension

As of 2026, the Ledger ecosystem supports 15,000+ assets across dozens of blockchains. Support may differ slightly between the app and extension depending on feature rollouts.

Major supported networks:

- Bitcoin BTC (native SegWit, Taproot)
- Ethereum ETH and ERC-20 tokens
- Polygon (MATIC)
- Solana (SOL and SPL tokens)
- Binance Smart Chain (BEP-20)
- Avalanche (AVAX)
- XRP, Litecoin, Dogecoin
- Cosmos, Tezos, Polkadot, Cardano, Near, Stellar



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Trade different

Directly exchange one crypto for another. Compare service providers. Securely review and approve each transaction with your secure Ledger signer.

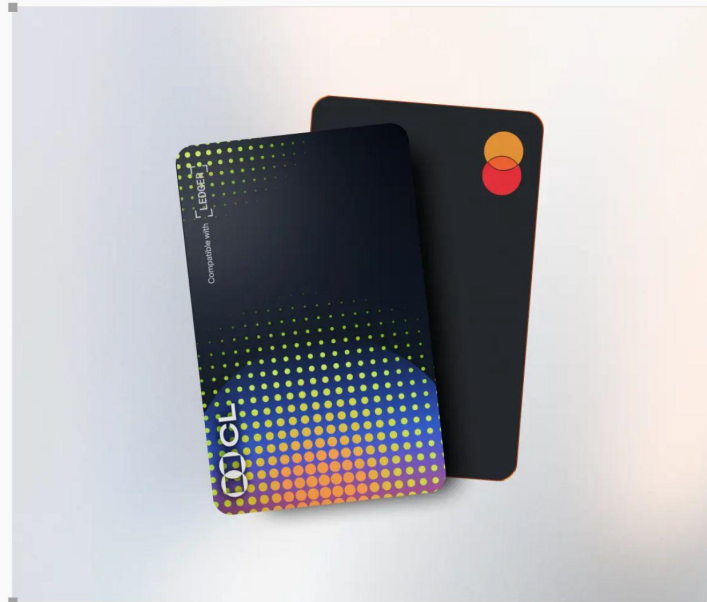
- 🔒 Keep your private keys safely offline
- 🔗 Diversify without complex trading platforms
- 💖 Choose from a wide range of assets all in one place

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NFT storage and management:

- View and manage NFT collections on Ethereum, Polygon, and Solana
- Send NFTs directly from Ledger Live
- Connect to marketplaces like OpenSea, Blur, and Magic Eden via the extension

For niche or newly launched tokens, consult Ledger’s official asset support page. Some assets require third-party wallet integrations through the “Discover” section.



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Security features when using Ledger Live & the extension

The core security model keeps private keys isolated on the Secure Element chip—a tamper-resistant microcontroller with CC EAL5+ certification (EAL6+ on Stax). Your keys never leave the hardware device, even during extension-based transactions.

Key protections:

- **Secure Element chip:** Industry-grade certification resistant to physical extraction attacks
- **Offline key storage:** Keys remain air-gapped from internet-connected devices
- **Mandatory PIN entry:** Required to unlock the device for any operation
- **Optional passphrase:** Advanced users can create hidden wallets with a 25th word

Human verification:

- Every transaction displays amount, recipient, and fees on the device screen
- Physical button press required to confirm—no malware can bypass this step
- Protects against compromised computers or browsers

Encrypted communication: All data between Ledger Live, the extension, and your hardware uses AES-256 encryption, preventing tampering in transit.

Phishing defenses:

- Manually type ledger.com—never click links in emails or messages
- No legitimate Ledger software asks for your 24-word recovery phrase
- Watch for fake browser pop-ups and “support” emails—these are common attack vectors

This is what security feels like

Get a Ledger signer →



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Do more with your crypto, get timely insights, make informed choices, rack up rewards... all in one place.



Ledger signer

Verify transactions, avoid scams, and keep your private keys offline, far from hackers, scammers and tomorrow's unknown risks.

Common installation & connection issues (and simple fixes)

Users occasionally encounter problems during setup. Here are frequent issues with straightforward remedies.

Device not detected:

- Try a different USB port or cable (use data-capable cables, not charge-only)
- Ensure the device is unlocked and showing the PIN screen
- Grant USB/HID permissions in browser settings

Extension not recognizing Ledger Live:

- Restart Ledger Live and your browser
- Confirm you're running the latest version of both
- Check that Ledger Live is actively running in the background

Transactions stuck pending:

- Network congestion or low fees can delay transactions
- Adjust gas settings within Ledger Live or the dApp
- Wait for network conditions to improve

Antivirus blocking connection:

- Temporarily whitelist Ledger Live if safe and permitted
- Windows Defender occasionally quarantines AppImage files—verify checksums and restore

Always install the latest version of Ledger Live and the extension. Many connection bugs from 2024-2026 were resolved through updates.

After fixing issues, test with a small transaction to verify everything works before moving larger amounts of crypto.

Best practices for safe self-custody with Ledger Live & the extension

Strong security combines reliable hardware with disciplined user habits. The ledger hardware wallet provides the tools—you bring the operational discipline.

Essential practices:

- Keep firmware, Ledger Live, and the extension updated from official sources only
- Store your 24-word recovery phrase offline on fireproof metal (products like Billfodl work well)
- Never input your seed phrase into any website, browser extension, email form, or “support chat”

dApp safety:

- Verify dApp URLs manually before connecting (e.g., app.uniswap.org)
- Disconnect from dApps when not actively using them
- Avoid clicking bookmarked or shared links for high-value transactions

Physical security:

- Store your ledger device in a secure location when not in use
- Shield your PIN from shoulder-surfing
- Consider an additional passphrase for holdings over \$10K

Verification habits:

- Perform periodic small test transactions, especially after updates
- Test new dApp connections with minimal funds first
- Verify on screen instructions match your intended action before confirming

FAQ: Ledger Live download & wallet extension

Common questions from users navigating the Ledger ecosystem.

Is Ledger Live free to download in 2026? Yes. Both the app and extension are completely free. You only pay network fees (gas) and any service fees from third-party providers like MoonPay for fiat on-ramps.

Can I use the Ledger wallet extension without a hardware device? No. The extension is designed specifically to work with physical Ledger devices. Without hardware, you cannot securely sign transactions or store assets.

Which browsers are supported? The extension officially supports Chrome and Brave (Chromium 120+). Other Chromium-based browsers like Edge may work but aren’t officially documented.

What should I do if I downloaded Ledger Live from the wrong site? Uninstall immediately. Run comprehensive security scans with tools like Malwarebytes. Never enter or restore your recovery phrase into that software. If you already entered your seed, create a new wallet and transfer funds immediately.

Do I need the extension on mobile if I already use Ledger Live? No. Mobile interactions happen primarily through the Ledger Live app via Bluetooth (Nano X) or USB. The extension serves desktop browser-based Web3 functionality only.

Self-custody requires both strong tools and disciplined habits. Download and install only from ledger.com, keep your recovery phrase offline, and verify every transaction on your device screen. Your crypto security starts with these fundamentals.



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